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TO A DIET OF CORN?

Facts Inconsistent With That Theory Found in the South-Extent of the ease Exaggerated—A Charge of tional Conspiracy" Is Made.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 18.—The panicky feeling aroused by the recent discovery of pellagra in the South has been followed by an outburst of doubt as to whether the doctors and scientists have not been trifling with the people. "Is not much that has been said on the subject 'yellow e'?" one of the people asked the other day; and there are not a few who pronounce the pellagra story a sectional conspiracy against the South.

If corn is the cause of the disease, as the doctors say, then these critics insist the trouble is with Northern corn. "The man who buys his meal made of Northern corn ikes a risk," the Birmingham, Ala. clares, and a number of other Southern papers agree with it. "It has been known in the South for years that Western corn when bad will kill horses and ules; and thousands of these animals have died from it," it adds. The Ledger has a theory that the short season in the Northwest does not permit all the corn to ripen thoroughly, as in the South, and that being kept in bulk before or after it is made into meal it moulds and causes illness in those who eat it. "This new diswe are paying for Western grain ground

This theory, which has become very popular in the South, may tend to check the strong prejudice against corn which has arisen. People have in some localities become so alarmed that they refuse to eat what has heretofore been one of the chief food products of the South. The panic has reached such a stage that not only corn pone and corn cake have gone out of fashion but even roasting ears.

Heretofore the South has bought large share of its corn from the West, not having raised enough since the civil war for its own use. The boll weevil, which has induced many farmers to drop otton and plant corn instead, has greatly increased the Southern corn crop this year, so that enough has been raised for all home needs. The farmers naturally do not like to have the proposition that corn is a dangerous food brought forward just at the time when they have dropped cotton and turned to corn. They are trying therefore to place the responsibility for pellagra on the Western grain and the manner in which the corn is ground in the Western mills, just as the ondon Lancet attributes appendicitis to the steam rollers employed in many of our flour mills.

The Macon, Ga., Telegraph regards the corn theory now prevailing as likely mense amount of harm and believes that it is the result of a con-spiracy against the South and this Southern product. "If the masses, especially in the South," says the Telegraph, "should become suspicious of corn bread, so long and no doubt rightly regarded as good and wholesome food, the situation will be deplorable."

The Telegraph is right. If the fear of born spreads many thousands will go hungry in the South. Not many, however, accept the Telegraph theory of a spiracy against corn, although the fact is recalled to mind that many Western papers a year ago were widely circulating the story that beri-beri was due to eating rice, which story was likely to scare some people away from a rice The Telegraph remarks: "This pellagra outcry and the association therewith of corn bread has tended to beget in some minds the suspicion of a purpose on the part of certain commercial 'interests' to check the growing consumption of a seaper food that seems destined to cut down the demand for wheat.

If rice causes beri-beri and corn causes pellagra the world will be hard put to it for cereals, for even wheat flour, the Lancet says, if crushed in the steel roller mills threatens appendicitis.

There is no question but that the scare has stimulated the demand for pure food laws. The Southern States that have not yet acted in the matter or have not shown much vigor in enforcing the pure food laws have been aroused from lethargy. Food products will be examined in the South for the next few years with a care never before displayed.

The belief that pellagra is not due to mouldy corn, strong in the beginning, has grown stronger as the facts have come out and there are now domns of cases which dispro ve that theory. It may be that some of the cases are not genuine pellagra and the chances are very strong that a great many fraudu lent or mistaken cases of the disease are being report ed. At first when only a few cases occurred

here and there and a careful exa mination was made of each case by half a dozen experts there was little danger of a misexperts there was little danger of a mis-take, but now when pellagra is reported from every Southern State except Texas and Arkansas and from Illinois, Indiana and Ohio and other Western States; when the average country doctor thinks he is not up to date unless he has one or two patients down with pellagra; finally when Dr. C. H. Lavinder reports 14,500 cases in the Southern States alone since when Dr. C. H. Lavinder reports 14,500 cases in the Southern States alone since 1906, a great many erroneous diagnoses may be regarded as certain. That exaggeration has really prevailed, no one can doubt. Cases now believed to be pellagra were reported a few months ago as eczema, stomach trouble, &c.; now the inclination is to call any cut aneous malady pellagra, and sunburn may bear that ame because the disease in its first form looks like a case of sunburn.

It is estimated that there are not over 300 cases of what has conclusively been shown to be pellagra in this country. Of these eighty-eight are reported in Alabama, sixty-five in North Carolina, twenty-five in Ohio, twenty-one in Mississippi and the others in Illinois, Indiana, South Caro-

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These are of course not all the cases of pellagra in the country, but they are all that can be conclusively so designated. It is not improbable that a thorough investigation will bring other cases to light, and in the present excitement such an investigation is likely to be made. Latterly doctors have been reporting away cases, that is, finding that the so-called pellagra is "spine" or some other semi-tropical malady. Even the Marine Hospital service seems to entertain some doubt on the point whether the American malady is the same as the Italian. The hospital doctors declare that the disease is not due to a diet of corn, but that it is a germ disease, and the same report contagious, but the view is not generally taken, and even the health boards are isolating the cases.

Another point on which public opinion disagrees with the physicians and the experts is as to the corn origin of the disease, and a very strong showing in opposition is being made. Practically all the first reported pellagrins repowded.

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laughed to scorn by his fellow practicioners.

Similarly, cases of pellagra were diagnosed at the Alabama State insane asylum at Tuscaloosa, but the diagnoses were not accepted. The declaration that the disease existed in this country for many years is of course only theory. All the medical reports insist that prior to the medical reports insist that prior to the present outbreak only one case was seen in America, in New York, in 1883, the patient being an Italian who had come to this country already afflicted. No case can be traced further back than 1906, and the disease has actually been determined to be pellagra for barely twelve months.

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